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## SULLIVAN QUILTS

### Democratic Leader Will End His Connection With Politics When National Democratic Convention Adjourns

### Prohibition Amendment Has Revolutionized Local Politics by Closing Saloons and Ousting Ward Healers Roosting in Them

The coming of prohibition has caused a revolution in Chicago politics. The closing of the saloons has brought about a change of political methods. The abolition of barroom statesmen has depleted the ranks of ward workers and ward shouters until they are a negligible quantity.

Heretofore, since Chicago was a village, all that a man had to do to control ward politics was to control the leading saloons and saloon habitués in the ward.

This was the basis of Republican as well as Democratic organization in most of the wards.

All of this has passed, and with it a complete change of political methods and political leadership has been brought about. It is one of the results of the passage of the prohibition amendment.

It is no reflection upon Roger C. Sullivan, either as a man or as a leader, to say that the change in conditions has had much to do with his retirement from local Democratic leadership.

Mr. Sullivan is not, and never was a drinking man.

He was never seen inside of a saloon.

But he controlled a political machine built upon the saloon and maintained by saloon influence. His leadership was clean cut and honorable. But changed conditions make the burden of leader one hard to bear.

So Mr. Sullivan is about to retire as an active leader in local, state and national Democratic politics. His official connection with inside management of party affairs is to cease with the adjournment of the national convention next June at San Francisco.

With the Democratic candidate for 1920 nominated, Mr. Sullivan proposes to step aside for younger blood in Chicago. He will be one of the delegates at large from Illinois and the chairman of the delegation of fifty-eight from Illinois, and the delegation, under the unit rule, will vote just as Mr. Sullivan desires when the showdown comes at Frisco. That having been accomplished, Mr. Sullivan becomes an observer of matters political, always reserving, however, the right to a ringside seat at any major bout, according to the able political editor of the Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Sullivan departs for Palm Beach Jan. 23 for a stay of six weeks. He has other plans following that, precluding possibility of his return to Illinois for some time. He will be much among those present at Frisco in June, and after that he is through with politics as a direct participant. Mrs. Sullivan, two of his daughters, and three grandchildren will go to Florida with him.

"It is time for younger men to take on the responsibility of leadership," Mr. Sullivan said Monday. "After the national convention at San Francisco I shall be through, personally. It is improbable that I shall have any connection with the campaign, nationally or local. It is a personal satisfaction to quit the active game with a clean slate and a clear conscience and with the Democratic organization in Cook county and in Illinois occupying the excellent position in which it now stands."

Mr. Sullivan probably meant by that statement that peace has been concluded all over Chicago and Illinois between himself and all of his erstwhile political enemies.

Within a week Mr. Sullivan and former Mayor Carter H. Harrison entered the meeting of the Demo-

cratic national committee arm in arm. Mr. Sullivan and William Jennings Bryan traveled together, ratified a peace treaty and settled all past differences, not later than last Friday. Terms have been signed up whereby there can be no Democratic primary fight in Chicago or Illinois during 1920, and the Sullivan organization takes unquestioned control of party affairs for four years.

For the time being control of the Sullivan organization will rest with a triumvirate. Dennis J. Egan stands on the firing line as head of the organization committee. George E. Brennan and John F. O'Malley unquestionably will form the board of strategy.

### EGAN'S GOOD RECORD

Dennis J. Egan should be proud of his first year's record as bailiff of the Municipal Court. His office transacted more business during 1919 than was ever transacted by it before and there was no scandal, no complaints and nothing but praise for its efficiency.

### JUMBLED COURTS

#### Judicial System Now in Vogue in Illinois Is Enough to Make Blackstone Cancel His Dates.

The very jumbled and incomplete court system that obtains in Chicago and Illinois at present will be changed for the better by the plan mapped out by the Illinois directors of the American Judicature Society after five years of study and research. Their plan will go before the constitutional convention as a suggestion, following its submission to the Illinois Bar Association.

In addition to the metropolitan court system, which will join the Municipal court with the county judiciary, the directors have drawn up changes for the plan now in operation in counties outside of Cook.

It is proposed that the administrative or rule making function of the Metropolitan District court of Chicago be comprised in a chief justice and the presiding justices of the five divisions, chancery, civil jury, civil non-jury, criminal, and probate, divorce, juvenile and domestic relations. For the Illinois judicial system the plan contemplates the following:

A court of appeal consisting of a Supreme court division and other divisions now in the Appellate court.

A Circuit court in six or more circuits, one of which will be the Metropolitan District of Chicago, with special organization.

A County court with one branch in each county; judges of special courts to become associate County court judges.

It is proposed that the downstate system also have a small judicial council, composed of the chief justice, two justices of the Court of Appeal, the presiding justices of the Circuit court, and the presiding justice of the County court.

Chicago, with its population of nearly 3,000,000, is held to have special needs because of the complexity of its present entangling court system.

"Chicago has at present a number of courts, bearing peculiar and arbitrary relations to each other," says the exhaustive report.

"There is never in any large city a need for more than one trial court. Nobody could ever consciously create such a jumble of courts as has grown up in Cook county in an effort to meet needs under an inelastic constitution."

"There can never be any considerable improvement in the administration of justice in Chicago until the need for a single, consolidated, responsible court is recognized. No other plan which goes beyond mere

procedural reform has been advanced to meet this situation.

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## FRISKED FOR FRISCO

### Democrats Decide on Four Chicago Delegates-at-Large to the Constitutional Convention.

### Not Much Enthusiasm Among Politicians Over Big Railroad Fare and Bigger Coast Hotel Bills.

Now that the Democrats have picked out San Francisco for the place of holding their national convention this year the selection of delegates is being discussed.

For Chicago delegates-at-large it is tacitly agreed that Roger C. Sullivan, Edward F. Dunne, Robert M. Sweitzer and Carter H. Harrison will be chosen.

The Chicago district delegates talked of are: First district, John F. Bolton and Edward G. Stenson; Second, Mackley Hayne and William L. O'Connell; Third, John E. Trager and Joseph P. Ryan; Fourth, Robert E. Lee and James R. Marlow; Fifth, Thomas Kraus and James Rosenthal; Sixth, Thomas M. Sullivan and William F. Ryan; Seventh, Felix Wilkowski and Tom Murray; Eighth, Peter Rostenkowski and James F. Bowler; Ninth, John McGillen and Colin C. H. Fyfe; Tenth, Peter Reinberg and George E. Brennan.

## CHICAGO'S PRIDE

### The Board of Trade Which Gave to This City its Pre-Eminence in the World's Commerce

### Bringing Producer and Consumer Together, it Has Made Chicago the Food Center of the Earth

President Leslie F. Gates, in his annual message to the Chicago Board of Trade at its annual meeting last Monday, recommended the creation of a fund for the retirement of \$523,800 of outstanding bonds.

"Circumstances beyond our control have deprived us of the opportunity to handle much grain which under

thought on the part of our entire membership to insure that changes shall be along lines of evolution, rather than revolution."

### SECRETARY MAUFF SHOWS ADVANTAGES OF THE BOARD OF TRADE MEMBERSHIP

John R. Mauff, the efficient and popular secretary of the Chicago Board of Trade, says:

The Chicago Board of Trade has exclusive characteristics indispensable to the welfare of the producer and consumer.

It offers the producer a constant and inflexible fluctuating market, determined and regulated by the inexorable law of supply and demand.

It creates, through the trading of its large membership, representing the various branches of agricultural, industrial activity, continuous quotations, that are collected and distributed generally and without cost to the public.

There is thus presented the opportunity for the producer to determine at any time the exact value of his products.

A further advantage is that he can dispose of these products at any time by making a future delivery hedging contract to suit his inclination, regardless of bad roads or transportation problems.

Another benefit is the large and daily open competitive market in which to display his wares before a multitude of buyers simultaneously, obviating the otherwise impossible task of communicating with this diversity of demands by personal effort.

Protected at all times by a set of rules and regulations holding its members to a strict accountability for their proper conduct as commission merchants; mandatory for suspension or expulsion for any violation of the ethics of trade.

Having at their disposal a variety of ability only to be found in a large membership, insuring in this way proper handling and attention because a strenuous effort is always masterful and resourceful where competition is rife.

Dissemination of statistics relating to agriculture; the benefits of terminal elevators equipped with modern apparatus for the proper care of sample grades.

For consumers; car shortage and other transportation difficulties productive of business stagnation overcome by the opportunity to purchase for future delivery the raw material where short sales of product call for protection.

Consumption of contracts possible at all times through the machinery of a market for future delivery at continuous prices, reliable to the fluctuations of a small fraction—one-eighth of one cent per bushel.

In conclusion, and last, but not least, the facilities offered for thus establishing values in every part of the United States, with no inequality because of geographical location, and so a death knell to the exploiters of producers and consumers because of this knowledge widely disseminated and so easy of understanding.

### DIXON C. WILLIAMS HAS MANY FRIENDS

#### Mention of His Name for Collector of Internal Revenue Pleased Everybody.

The mention of Dixon C. Williams, the popular Democratic orator and well-known manufacturer, for collector of internal revenue pleased nearly

everybody. Mr. Williams would dignify any public office and his appointment would give general satisfaction.

### EAGLETS

When the Chicago Plan Commission gets through there will be no money left in Chicago. It will all be in the hands of contractors who have gone to Havana to end their days in comfort. The Ogden avenue extension is the latest C. P. outrage. A north side lot owner, whose lot is two miles from the Ogden avenue extension, is assessed \$44 for the "improvement."

The election of officers of the Ironquits club resulted in the heaviest vote polled in recent years. Those elected were:

President, Carl R. Latham. Vice president, Orva G. Williams. Treasurer, Oscar G. Foreman. Secretary, Joseph Fitch. Board of managers, Henry B. Chamberlain, Morgan L. Davies, Robert Dyrenforth, John W. Eckhart, Sam C. Irving, James C. Jeffery, Otto Rubin, Joseph P. Mahoney, Roswell B. Mason, Henry G. Mason, George L. Reker, William Rothmann, William H. Sexton, Julius F. Smietanka and Joseph F. Triska.

The Chicago Teachers' Federation, on behalf of Chicago elementary teachers, has gathered facts and figures on both the annual increase in salaries and the cost of living from 1897 to 1919, inclusive, to show why there is so much unrest among the instructors.

Roger C. Sullivan has engaged accommodations for the Illinois delegates to the Frisco convention at the St. Francis hotel, which promises to be the inside headquarters of the big chiefs next June.

The cost to the property owner of having the street in front of his home paved will be 5 to 30 per cent in excess of last year's prices during the ensuing year. The board of local improvements opened bids last Monday on a number of paving projects.

The Brunswick-Balke-Collander Co. has leased from Catherine Newman, through John F. Jones, the entire six-story sprinkled building in Rush street, west front, extending from Austin avenue to North Water street, for a term of five years from May 1 at a term rental of \$85,000.

The building, which fronts 120 feet on Rush street, 109 on Austin, and 110 on Water, will be remodeled considerably and used by the buyer's billiard and bowling departments. The lease carries an option for a further term of five years at the same rental, lease, however, paying all taxes and insurance on the renewal.

Mayor Thompson gave his approval to a police reorganization ordinance which will mean a return to the old "inspector" system of policing the city. Under the measure Chief Garity says, he can bring the crime record down to normal. That is the mayor's aim and it was on that theory that he was led to promise his influence in putting the ordinance through the council.

## RE-ELECT BAULER

### Popular 22d Ward Alderman Should be Returned to the City Council.

The voters of the Twenty-second ward should re-elect John H. Bauler to the city council. He has proven himself to be an able, honest, faithful and influential alderman.

Samuel R. Kaufman the popular president of the famous Congress Hotel Company and head of the great Congress Hotel, is one of the most public spirited citizens of Chicago who is always keenly alive on every thing uplifting the city and a broad minded man of affairs who makes everyone who patronizes his hotel happy.

One of the most patriotic and influential citizens of Chicago is John C. Eastman, publisher of the Chicago Daily Journal. He is active in everything that pertains to the betterment of the city.

Frank Johnston, Jr., able judge of the Circuit court, would make a great governor of Illinois.

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